

GOTTLIEB AND ELIZABETH MUELLER KOHLER

Gottlieb Kohler, son of Melchior Kohler and Barbara Riedwyl was born December 4, 1845 at Meiringen, Switzerland. Elizabeth Mueller, daughter of Samuel Edward Mueller and Anna Dietrich, was born September 28, 1847, at Koeniz, Switzerland. Died 1929 in Midway.

As a young man, Gottlieb studied medicine until his father met with an accident which left him deaf and dumb. Gottlieb mastered the deaf and dumb language and became a shoemaker, working with his father. It was while in the shoe business,

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Shoemaker
Linguist
Musician
Studied Medicine
Dentist



Gottlieb met and married Elizabeth, a young tailoress, on November 17, 1869 in the Protestant Church at Thun, Switzerland, of which they were faith members.

Their first home was with Gottlieb's father, his mother having died. Later while living with Elizabeth's aunt, two LDS missionaries found Elizabeth and Gottlieb. After a great deal of investigation, Gottlieb and the three oldest children were baptized on October 7, 1882 by John Hulen. Because of severe ridicule of friends and family, Elizabeth was not easily convinced regarding Mormonism. However, the following year on April 7, 1883, she was baptized by John Stucki.

Soon the spirit of gathering to Zion entered their hearts. Together, the family worked hard making and selling shoes to obtain money for their trip to America. In the spring of 1884 the oldest boy Emil, then 12, and Bertha, of eight years, were sent to Utah with the Elders, to be followed in two years by the rest of the family.

They arrived in Salt Lake City on June 7, 1886 where after two years of separation, they were reunited with Emil and Bertha. The first night was spent in the old Tithing Office, sleeping on the floor. John Buhler met them the following morning and took them to Midway to make their home.

Conditions were not always good in their new home. Many hardships and trials came to test their faith. Four more children were added to the family, making 13 children for the parents to rear to adulthood.

Gottlieb was very active in organizing the Swiss people who built their own hall and met regularly where the gospel could be taught in their native tongue. He was a good musician, played the accordion and conducted the singing. Under an appointment of the Town Board, Gottlieb became the town doctor and dentist and for years

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